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Secretary of the Numismatic Society

New York, New York

Dear Sir:

For some time, I have had in mind the preparation of a brief outline on American coins and artists who designed them, for pupils in the public schools of Detroit. I have been able to find some information on the following coins: the Lincoln cent, buffalo nickel, silver dime, half dollar, peace dollar, and the ten and twenty dollar gold pieces.

Would it be possible for you to supply information concerning those coins which I have not mentioned? I would also like some information on medals which have artistic quality and historic interests. I have some knowledge of the buttons worn by the veterans of the World War, and the Victory medal of the World War. I would be greatly indebted if you would mention others and their designers.

I would hesitate to make this request excepting that the information received will be used as a means of promoting interest in American art by pupils in the secondary schools of Detroit.

Yours sincerely,

Alice V. Guysi

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October 8, 1931.

Miss Alice V. Gysi
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Dear Miss Gysi:

Responding to your letter of September 21st which reached here during my vacation and this must plead my excuse for being so slow in responding to it; it is difficult for me to aid you as I am unable to visualize the form in which you propose to use the material relating to our coins. If you wish the name of the designer of the pieces not mentioned by you they are as follows: Quarter - Herman MacNeil, Five dollar gold piece - Bela Pratt, who also designed the \$2.50 gold piece. You might care to consult Wood's "Commemorative Coinage of the United States" - monograph No. 16, 1922. This describes some of the commemorative issues up to date; it should be in the Detroit Public Library. If this information proves of value to you, I shall be very glad.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary